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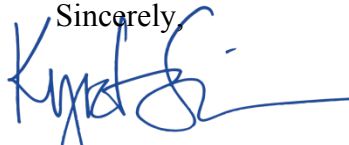
The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Chairman
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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2022 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senator

**Sinema, Kyrsten(D-AZ) Interior and Environment
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
City of Chandler	Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) systems allow for smart meters to collect utility consumption data in real time via a system of network devices and data backhaul. The City of Chandler is hoping to couple local investments with a partnership with the federal government for the purchase and installation of 33 network devices to complete this innovative project. In an AMI system, network devices are the portion of the network infrastructure that is strategically placed throughout the City to collect meter reads and data on a continuous basis an improvement from the current process, where data can only be obtained monthly using a drive-by device or by obtaining a visual read.	Chandler AZ	\$900
City of Flagstaff	Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project: Forests of the Intermountain West are threatened by a convergence of two significant factors: unnatural overstocking with small trees and weather conditions that contribute to the increasing severity, size and frequency of catastrophic wildfire. The combination of excess forest fuels, combined with the certainty of lightning- and human-caused ignitions, guarantee there will always be fire in our forests. The City of Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project (FWPP) aims to tackle those challenging elements of restoring forests within high threat areas, providing greater protection for the Flagstaff community from the health, public safety and economic impacts of fires and floods.	Flagstaff AZ	\$1,000
Gila County	Gila County Wildfire Protection: this funding would allow Gila County to do necessary maintenance on and continue operation of a system of water tanks and bladders in the area that allow for aerial firefighting in partnership with the Tonto National Forest and local fire districts to quickly respond to new fires. This capability is essential to protect life and property in an area prone to wildfires, and to squash fires early, saving on firefighting and recovery costs.	Gila County AZ	\$609
City of Glendale, Arizona	Glendale Water Supply Inter-Connects: this funding would support a project to interconnect Glendale, Peoria, and Phoenix's water supplies to allow for the transfer of water between jurisdictions. Currently, such a transfer is not possible, and due to the varied sources for the city's water supplies, it is a critical capability in the event that one of the water supplies is limited or shut off.	Glendale AZ	\$2,000
Mohave County	Bank Street Channel Stormwater Control Project: This funding will be used to divert stormwater to the existing Mohave Channel, which will alleviate flooding issues along Bank Street in front of the Kingman High School.	Kingman AZ	\$1,000
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality	Halting Cross-Border Drug Smuggling & Protecting Nogales Wastewater Infrastructure: This project would fund the installation of a screening device to prevent cross-border drug smuggling through the International Outfall Interceptor (IOI) in Nogales, AZ. The IOI is a failing wastewater pipeline which often spills raw effluent into the streets of Nogales. Local stakeholders recently agreed upon a plan to rehabilitate the pipeline, but in order to protect the pipe from future disruptions, a device must be installed to prevent cross-border drug trafficking, which harms the structural integrity of the pipeline.	Nogales AZ	\$3,300
Pima County	Mission Garden, located the foot of Sentinel Peak, on the west side of Tucson, is the site of the Native American village of S-cuk Son (Chuk Shon), a place sacred to the Tohono O'odham that gave Tucson its name. Capital improvement investment in Mission Garden will galvanize continued local support and leverage public/private participation to ensure and maintain historical preservation and education at the Birthplace of Tucson site.	Pima County AZ	\$500
United States Forest Service	Forrest Road 512: This funding will allow for planning of applying an all-weather surface to Young Road, which is the sole access to the community of Young. This all-weather surface is needed to ensure that residents, visitors, and emergency services can access the community for work, emergencies, or services including a planned veterans center.	Young AZ	\$472